

THE COMING ' JUDGMENTS of FIRE '

Precursor to Armageddon . . . Are we prepared !?!

Could **DANIEL 12v1** be the most consequential passage of prophecy in the old testament . . . & even the whole bible ?

Not only is it ' A PREVIEW ' of the most momentous & long-awaited event in the history of man - the return of the Lord Jesus Christ 'visibly & physically' to the Mount Olives - but it also reveals a timeline (previously unheralded) which ' authoritatively redefines ' the order of events in the last days.

DANIEL 12 v 1-2

And **AT THAT TIME** shall Michael stand up , the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people :
and there shall be a time of trouble , such as never was
since there was a nation . . . even **TO THAT SAME TIME** :

and **AT THAT TIME** thy people shall be delivered , every one that shall be found written in the book.

And many of *them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake*,
some to everlasting life , and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

DANIEL 12v1 provides us with ' THREE ' immutable facts / truths :

- "AT THAT TIME " - Michael (*Christ*) stands on the Mt.Olives just prior to the beginning of the battle of Armageddon
- "AT THAT TIME " - " *thy people* " (living believers *in Christ*) are ' *delivered / called away* ' out of the time of trouble
- "AT THAT TIME " - many of them that sleep in the dust (the dead *in Christ*) are also raised from the grave.

Most critically , it *also* reveals :

- " **TO THAT SAME TIME** " . . . there shall be " a *Time of Trouble* , such as **never was** since there was a nation " .

Therefore this period of ' *the time of trouble / tribulation* ' .. 1) is **ALREADY in progress !!!**

.. 2) is **FAR WORSE** than WW1 / WW2 / Great Depress'n

Clearly implicit in this statement by the prophet Daniel , is that the *living believers* who " **AT THAT TIME** " are taken ' *out of the world* ' have been faithfully ' *enduring through* ' the time of trouble . . . UNTIL this moment of *their* deliverance. They, together with the resurrected saints are called away from these *fiery tribulations* that continue to engulf the world.

It is reasonable that ' Armageddon ' (*being the prophetic outworking of the Lord's judgments upon the Gogian invader*) is the focus of much of our attention - HOWEVER - the gravity of this event certainly does NOT preclude the outbreak of another apocalyptic conflict in the intervening period between the East & the West axes. In fact , all the weight of scripture repeatedly points to this exact scenario. Any such conflict would invariably be ' *nuclear* ' and a fulfillent entirely consistent with many prophecies that speak of the final ' **judgments of fire** ' to come upon the earth :

Isaiah 24v6 - " Therefore hath ' **THE CURSE** ' **devoured the earth** , and they that dwell therein are desolate :
Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned , and few men left. "

Zech 5v3 - " This is ' **THE CURSE** ' that goeth forth over the face of **THE WHOLE EARTH** :
for **every one** that stealeth shall be **cut off** (perish)... ;
and **every one** that sweareth shall be **cut off** (perish)... "

Malachi 4v1 - " For , behold , **THE DAY** cometh , that shall **burn as an oven** ; and all the proud ,
yea , and all that do wickedly , shall be **stubble** : and **THE DAY** that cometh shall **burn them up** "

2Peter 3v10 - " the heavens shall pass away with a **great noise** , and the elements shall **melt with fervent heat** ,
THE EARTH also and the works that are therein shall be **burned up** ... v12 wherein
the heavens being **on fire** shall be dissolved , and the elements shall **melt with fervent heat** . . "

*** Here is the part . . . that is CRITICALLY IMPORTANT ***

This event comes . . . " **SUDDENLY / AS A SNARE** "
(as the Bible makes ' perfectly clear ' in multiple passages)

1Thess 5v2 - 4 - " For yourselves know perfectly that **THE DAY OF THE LORD** so cometh ' as a thief ' in the night
. . . But YE , BRETHREN , ARE NOT IN DARKNESS that **THAT DAY** should ' overtake you ' as a thief "

1Thess 5v3 - " For when they shall say , Peace and safety ; then **SUDDEN DESTRUCTION** cometh upon them , as travail upon a woman with child ; and they shall not escape " .

Luke 21v35 - " For AS A SNARE shall '**it**' come on all them that dwell on the face of THE WHOLE EARTH . "

Eccles 9v12 - " For man also knoweth not his time : as the fishes that are taken in an evil net , and as the birds that are caught IN THE SNARE . . . so are THE SONS OF MEN SNARED in an ' evil time ' . . . when '**it falleth**' SUDDENLY upon them . "

Prov 3v25 - " Be not afraid of **SUDDEN FEAR** , neither of **THE DESOLATION** of 'the wicked' when **it** cometh " .

As these scriptures reveal . . . This is a cataclysmic global event ' very few ' see coming . It is ' **THE DAY OF THE LORD** ' . It is **NOT** the time of the Lord's appearing . Rather , it is A PERIOD of the Lord's judgments which comes suddenly upon " **THE WHOLE EARTH** " . . . as a snare !! It is a violent , unforeseen event that ' falls upon ' ALL the sons of men .

BY CONTRAST . . . Consider the facts surrounding :

***** THE BATTLE of ARMAGEDDON *****

Armageddon does ' NOT ' come suddenly !! Literally every passage of scripture related to this prophetic end-time battle describes **THREE** distinct and inescapable characteristics that define the circumstances leading to Armageddon :

1) Armageddon is the final culmination of ' a sequence of events ' . It comes - *only AFTER* - a long series of military conquests by the Russian Gog , as he descends from his place out of the north parts into the Middle East . In the prophecy of Daniel Ch.11 we are told that " *at the time of the end* " that **MANY** countries shall be overthrown by this latter-day *King of the North* . Among these nations will be Turkey , Iraq , Egypt , Lebanon and Syria . The very last of these territorial conquests by the Russian Gog will be the nation of Israel .

Upon his arrest of the Holy Land , the prophet Daniel further reveals this victorious tyrant - having swept all before him - will then establish his royal encampment between the seas (ie. Mediterranean & Gallilee) in the glorious holy mountain . This is important because it sets the scene and pretext for the coming battle upon the mountains of Israel .

2) Secondly , Armageddon is a " gathering of the nations " for battle to one geographical location in the land of Israel . It is neither unexpected , nor is it spontaneous . Rather it is the progressive build up of two coalitions of armies in one location for the purpose of battle , the result of escalating geopolitical tensions concerning Jerusalem and the Holy Land . On one side - the vast , all-conquering Russian confederation of nations . On the other side , what appears to be the final remnants of the Western alliance , Sheba , Dedan , Tarshish and the young lions - who seeking to protect Israel - appear only able to offer little more than a meek ' *vocal protest* ' against the Gogian invader .

Repeatedly throughout scripture it is made clear , the LORD will bring (*gather*) all nations into *the valley of Jehoshaphat* for judgment . Therefore this will **NOT** constitute a sudden and unexpected outbreak of conflict . Rather it will be a pre-determined and pre-positioned arrangement of armies in readiness for the purpose of battle , with Russia chief among those armies and already resident in the Holy Land . There is nothing *spontaneous* or " *sudden* " concerning the outbreak of Armageddon . These conditions are entirely at odds to the ' *sudden conflict* ' passages considered above .

3) Finally , is the question of locality between this ' sudden conflict ' and the battle of Armageddon . The former , is consistently described as *a curse* upon " *the inhabitants of the earth* " . . . " *the WHOLE earth* " . The latter , is a war fought within a localised regional area (*the valley of Jehoshaphat*) in the land of Israel . They CANNOT be the same event .

So if this ' *sudden destruction* ' is **NOT** Armageddon . . . then **WHEN** does it happen ? Are we *prepared* for such a scenario coming earlier ? (ie. another major international war , the outbreak of which will be both **SUDDEN** and **CATASTROPHIC** worse than World War 1/2) . We need to be *spiritually* prepared to endure through these harrowing global events . As Russia's brutal invasion of Ukraine continues to escalate , such an event is not only *possible* - it is *highly probable* !!! The terrifying prospect of " World War 3 " is now widely feared by many global analysts , commentators and politicians .

Being *prophetically* unseen until now - if such an apocalyptic war were to happen in the intervening period - it would explain perhaps one of the most perplexing mysteries concerning the battle of Armageddon . . . America and China !! Despite currently being ' *by far* ' the two largest economic and military ' *global super-powers* ' neither are ' **EVER** ' mentioned in the bible accounts of Armageddon . How is this possible ? While having comparable sized militaries to Russia , both America and China ' *utterly dwarf* ' Russia in both economic power and global political influence . Yet at the battle of Armageddon we know with certainty Russia stands alone , completely ' *unrivalled* ' among the nations .

Could a coming ' *unthinkable war* ' between superpowers bring about this dramatic shift in the balance of global power ?

Furthermore, with its only serious geopolitical rivals (America / China) sidelined and out of the picture , it would also explain how Russia - presently *struggling* to overcome a spirited but '*under-equipped*' Ukraine - is able to rampage through '*like a whirlwind*' and conquer many countries (as prophetically required) with seemingly minimal resistance.

As we watch Russia's faltering invasion of Ukraine grind to an inglorious and humiliating halt . . . Could a desperate , frustrated and vengeful Vladimir Putin turn on the West and its NATO allies with his arsenal of nuclear weapons ? Or could a Russian-Ukrainian ' peace deal ' be an illusionary pause that precedes the sudden destruction ? Could a Chinese attack on Taiwan ignite a war with the West ? We know not the exact details but such a 'catastrophic conflict' before Armageddon may explain why America/China are not there and be a fulfilment of the "*sudden destruction*" prophecies.

Mankind is on the threshold of the final '*judgments of fire*'. This period will be *just like the Lord's judgments* in AD70. The invisible hand of Christ and the angels will be at work , but He will be '*no more visible*' during this epoch of fire and judgment than he was then . . . NOT UNTIL '*His appearing*' and intervention upon the Mount of Olives (Daniel 12v1). ONLY THEN will he "*shorten those days for His elect's sake*", those who have been *faithfully enduring* through this final period of tribulation. This will be the time and testing of *our faith* so we may be refined and fit for the Master's use.

1 Cor 3v13-15 - "*Every man's work shall be made manifest :
for 'THE DAY' shall declare it , because it shall be revealed 'BY FIRE' ;
and 'THE FIRE' shall try every man's work of what sort it is .*"

We are NOT to be discouraged or disheartened by the nature of these impending events. Just as Israel were brought out of the '*iron furnace*' of Egypt , or Daniel's three friends were delivered safely from the '*burning fiery furnace*' we are to faithfully endure through these '*fiery trials*' UNTIL the time of our deliverance. For this reason , very specific passages of scripture were written of this coming period to both '*forewarn*' and '*encourage*' the saints in the last days :

- Psalms 27:5** *For IN THE TIME of TROUBLE he shall 'HIDE me' in his PAVILION (PASSOVER)
in the secret of his TABERNACLE shall he 'HIDE me' ; he shall set me up upon a rock*
- Isaiah 26:20-21** *Come my people enter thou into THY CHAMBERS & shut THY DOORS about thee (PASSOVER)
HIDE THYSELF as it were for a little moment , until THE INDIGNATION (tribulation) be overpast
Behold , THE LORD COMETH OUT OF HIS PLACE to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity*
- Psalms 31:19-24** *Thou shalt 'HIDE them' in THE SECRET of THY PRESENCE from the pride of man
Thou shalt 'KEEP them' SECRETLY in a PAVILION from the strife of tongues
O love the LORD , all ye his saints : for the LORD PRESERVETH 'the faithful'
Be of good courage , and he shall strengthen your heart , ' all ye that hope ' in the LORD*
- Psalms 9:9** *The LORD also will be A REFUGE for 'the oppressed' , A REFUGE in TIMES of TROUBLE*
- Psalms 32:6-7** *For this shall 'everyone that is godly' pray unto thee in A TIME when thou mayest be found
Surely in the 'floods of great waters' (nations) they shall not come nigh unto him
Thou art my HIDING PLACE ; thou shalt 'PRESERVE me' from TROUBLE*
- Isaiah 33:2** *O LORD , be gracious unto 'US' ; ... 'WE' have waited for thee
Be thou 'THEIR' arm (Israel / Jews) every morning , 'OUR' salvation also IN THE TIME OF TROUBLE*
- Psalms 37:38-40** *But the transgressors shall be destroyed together : the end of the wicked shall be cut off
But the salvation of 'the righteous' is of the LORD : 'he is their strength' IN THE TIME of TROUBLE
And the LORD shall 'HELP them' and 'DELIVER them' :
He shall 'DELIVER them' from the wicked , and 'SAVE them' ... because they 'TRUST' in him.*
- Psalms 41:1-2** *Blessed is he that considereth the poor : the LORD will 'DELIVER him' in ** TIME of TROUBLE
The LORD will 'PRESERVE him' and 'KEEP him' alive ; and he shall be blessed upon the earth
And thou wilt NOT deliver him unto the will of his enemies ** (Webster's + ESV >> In ' THE ' time of trouble)*
- Psalms 57:1** *Yea , in the shadow of thy wings will I make 'my REFUGE' until these CALAMITIES be overpast.*
- Psalms 59:16** *But I will sing of thy power ; yea , I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning
For thou hast been 'my DEFENCE and REFUGE' IN THE DAY of my TROUBLE*

We have a wonderful and a merciful God who has given His *faithful* children a most certain promise. Despite the terrible events that will soon take place around us : He will *HELP us* . . He will *STRENGTHEN us* . . He will *PROTECT us* . . He will *HIDE us* and He will *KEEP us* . . He will *PRESERVE us* in a final end-times 'PASSOVER' until the appointed time when He will *DELIVER us* and *SAVE us*. May His overshadowing care and blessing be upon us all as we await that time.

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- [SAINTS ENDURE ' THE FINAL TRIBULATION '](#)
- [DIVINE JUDGMENT . . . THRO' MAN'S ' WICKED DEVICES '](#)
- [THE COMING ' END-TIMES ' PASSOVER](#)

FURTHER READING (STRONGLY RECOMMENDED)

1. [THE FINAL VISION . . . Where there is NO VISION the people perish](#)
2. [EXPECTING THE LORD'S RETURN . . . Why we are still here in 2022](#)
3. [REVELATION 12 \(Pt.1 \) . . . The Great Red Dragon](#)
4. [REVELATION 12 \(Pt.2 \) . . . The Dragon](#)
5. [THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD . . . Cometh](#)
6. [CLIMATE CHANGE . . . The ' Apocalyptic ' Bible Truth](#)
7. [THE DESTROYING ANGEL . . . & The Coming ' End-Times ' Passover](#)
8. [THE COMING JUDGMENTS OF FIRE . . . ' Pre-cursor ' to Armageddon](#)
9. [THE TIME OF TROUBLE . . . We Are Here Until The End](#)
10. [THE RETURN OF CHRIST . . . The Need For Bible Truth](#)
11. [THE END OF THE WORLD . . . Parable Of The Wheat & Tares](#)
12. [THE BUYER & THE SELLER . . . The Rod of Wickedness revealed](#)
13. [THE 2020 PROPHECY . . . \(Job 20 \) A Warning For The Last Days](#)
14. [GLOBAL NUCLEAR WAR . . . & The ' End-Times ' Passover](#)